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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 781 (1992), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 18 and 21 February 1993, there appear to have been eight flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 781 (1992) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 3 of that resolution. Details as to the time and the itinerary of these flights are annexed to the present note verbale.

All confirmed violations were immediately protested by UNPROFOR to the party concerned.

Annex

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(18-21 February 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
			[18 February: no violations reported]		
446	19 February	0529	0541	AWACS reported a track 40 nautical miles east of Banja Luka in the vicinity of Podnovlje. The aircraft, probably a helicopter, was tracked for 12 minutes.	South-west 60 kts Unknown
447	19 February	0940	n/a	A Gazelle helicopter, registration number 12709, was reported by UNMOs at Banja Luka, taking off from Zaluzani airfield at 0940Z. The aircraft departed towards the south for an unknown destination and was not checked before take-off by UNMOs from Banja Luka.	South Unknown Unknown
448	19 February	0940	n/a	A second Gazelle helicopter, registration number 12655, was reported by UNMOs at Banja Luka, taking off from Zaluzani airfield at 0940Z. The aircraft departed towards the south-west for an unknown destination and was not checked before take-off by UNMOs from Banja Luka.	South-west Unknown Unknown
449	19 February	1045	1045	The British Battalion reported an unknown, fixed-wing, twin-engine aircraft 20 nautical miles south of Sarajevo. The aircraft was not detected by AWACS and was operating in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs. No UNPROFOR or UNHCR flights were reported as operating in the area at that time. This report is subject to further investigation.	North-west Unknown Unknown

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
450	19 February	n/a	n/a	The headquarters, BH Command, Kiseljak reported a helicopter flying over the city of Konjic (20 nautical miles south-west of Sarajevo) for approximately one hour. This aircraft was reported as a Serbian reconnaissance helicopter; it was not detected by AWACS and was operating in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs. This report is subject to further investigation.	Orbiting Unknown Unknown
451	20 February	n/a	1045	Two MI-8 helicopters were reported landing at Tuzla airfield at 1045Z. These aircraft were reported as having flown from Visoko (20 nautical miles north-west of Sarajevo). They were not detected by AWACS.	Unknown Unknown Unknown
452	21 February	0840	0903	AWACS detected a track 38 nautical miles south-east of Mostar, over the town of Bileca. The aircraft was tracked for 23 minutes and eventually faded from radar coverage 62 nautical miles north-east of Dubrovnik over the town of Pljevlja. It was assessed as a probable helicopter and flew in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	North-east 130 kts 2,500 feet
453	21 February	1033	1044	AWACS detected a track 37 nautical miles south-east of Mostar, in the vicinity of the town of Bilec. The aircraft was tracked for 11 minutes and faded from radar coverage 10 nautical miles south-west of Bileca. The track was assessed as a probable helicopter and flew in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South-west 60 kts Low, less than 1,000 feet